

## II. Amendment to the Abstract

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

### METHOD AND APPARATUS TO MUTUALLY AUTHENTICATE SOFTWARE MODULES

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In response to initiating a call from a first class to a second class, an instantiation of the second class is initiated. While performing the instantiation of the second class, a class constructor for the second class is called, which determines a codebase for the first class and attempts to verify a digital signature on it. In response to a successful verification, the instantiation of the second class is successfully completed. In response to successfully completing the instantiation of the second class, a codebase for the second class is determined by the first class, and an attempt is made by the first class to verify a digital signature on the codebase for the second class. In response to a successful verification of the digital signature on the codebase for the second class, the call from the instance of the first class to the instance of the second class is performed.